the action of a Minister or the Cabinet as a whole. Is there anything in law to demand of that Minister or Ministry to pay back the amount to whatever extent the loan becomes a loss?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The matter may be referred to the Advocate-General.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Are there any other properties actually given as security and which could be proceeded against for recovery of the balance?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : I want notice.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : With reference to the point I have raised about the liability of Ministers, I want to know whether I have to refer to the Advocate-General or the Ministers will *suo motu* refer it to him and get his opinion?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The Government would be thankful if the hon. Member gives some valid legal reason for the Government to proceed in the matter. I think any further money spent on this is a waste. It is good money lost in a wrong way.

Third Five-Year Plan

* 127 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state— 2-40 p.m.

(*a*) whether any steps have been taken to formulate the Third Five-Year Plan for the State; and

(*b*) if so, what they are and the progress made so far?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) : (*a*) & (*b*) The question of the formulation of the Third Five-Year Plan is now engaging the attention of the Planning Commission, the Central Ministries and the State Governments concerned. According to the Planning Commission, work on the preparation of the Third Plan is expected to fall broadly into four stages. The first stage consists of studies of different sets of problems and of different sectors of the economy and how they can be developed in step so as to get certain overall results. When these studies have made sufficient progress, it is proposed to put the results together and prepare a preliminary draft outline or plan-frame for the Third Plan. This will be in about a year from now. After the preliminary draft outline has been approved, detailed preparation of Central and State Plans and of local Plans which will fit into the State Plans, will constitute the Third Stage. This will be completed with the preparation of a fairly full outline of the Plan more or less in its final form. This is expected to take a further year and would be the basis on which the annual plan for the first year of the Third Plan would be drawn up. The fourth stage in the formulation of the Third Plan will be the preparation of its final version for submission to the National Development Council and to the Parliament.

Detailed preparation of the State Plan for the Third Five-Year Plan will be taken up only after the preliminary draft outline is approved by the Planning Commission. In the meantime, proposals for the constitution of Working Groups, parallel to those set up at the Centre, in sectors such as Irrigation, Power, etc., for formulating proposals for the Third Plan are under consideration.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : What line will be taken to associate people's representatives in the framing of the Plan?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Members of the Legislature may be taken into these Working Groups when they are formed.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will a Committee of the Legislature be constituted to assess the needs of the State in the several departments and finalize the schemes for inclusion in the Plan?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The Government have not taken any decision in the matter.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Government consider such a proposal?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : It is only a suggestion. It is not a question. The suggestion will be borne in mind.

SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR : இது மக்கள் திட்டமாக இருக்குமா ?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : மக்கள் திட்டமாக இருக்குமா என்றால், மக்களுக்காகச் செய்யப்படுவதெல்லாம் மக்கள் திட்டம்தான்.

High School for the Blind at Poonamallee

* 128 *Q.*—DR. A. CHIDAMBARANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of students who qualified themselves in the S.S.L.C. Public Examination from the Government High School for the Blind at Poonamallee in 1957–58; and

(*b*) the steps taken to place them in any employment?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Four, Sir.

(*b*) Of the four, two have left the institution and the other two who continue to remain in the school are engaged in transcribing Braille Text Books required for the use of the school.

DR. A. CHIDAMBARANATHAN : அந்த இரண்டு பேர்களையும் சிறு கைத்தொழில் நிலையங்களில் அமர்த்துவதற்கு ஏதாவது ஏற்பாடு அரசாங்கம் செய்து கொடுக்குமா ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : With only general education we find it almost impossible to place them in any job. But with vocational training we are able to find jobs for them.

VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : அவர்கள் கல்லூரியில் அனுமதிக்கப்பட வேண்டுமென்று கேட்டார்களா ? அப்படிக் கேட்ட மாணவர் அனுமதிக்கப்பட்டாரா ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : கல்லூரியிலே ஒரு பையன் படிப்பதாக எனக்கு ஞாபகம்.